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More Remarkable Edifices

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Since or mid-month mini in April—*featuring a number of medals from the Wiener's amazing architectural series*—was so successful, we thought that another installment would help pass the time until our selection of June material. This mini, similar to the previous one, doesn't really require much explanation, as these works of art speak for themselves...



Before Jacques Wiener began his great “Most Remarkable Edifices” series, he—with an assist from one of his brothers—took on his initial architectural series: a small group of 50mm medallions featuring churches and cathedrals of Belgium. Much like their later, larger counterparts, these generally exhibit exterior views on the obverse and interior views on the reverse. Additionally, text referring to the edifice’s history usually surrounded on the obverse and was sometimes also evident in a small way on the reverse.

For those who have been intrigued by the later series, which has been increasingly gaining in popularity, this smaller, more contained series provides a great opportunity for a collection that can much more easily be completed while still offering great artistry and intricacy.



In addition, the Wieners made other architectural types in their careers, such as other edifices throughout Belgium, with civic buildings, monuments, and even prisons making appearances. But the Wieners weren’t the only ones who took their hand at intricate engravings of buildings in this time period. Massonnet in France, Wilkens in Germany, and Jéhotte in Belgium all produced analogous types, and one from each is also offered in this mini...



We'll be back again on 1 June with 20 more exciting art and historical medals, and then in mid-June for 'Halloween in June' part III, featuring selections from the ever-popular skulls and skeletons series.

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